

American constituents. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing Ukrainian-Americans in Michigan's Ninth District and throughout the United States, as well as our friends in Ukraine, a joyous Independence Day.

**ENSURING COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IN ADDRESSING CYBERSECURITY THREATS TO THE ENERGY SECTOR**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, while I agree with my colleagues about the importance of securing our Nation's energy infrastructure, I am concerned that—as currently written—H.R. 2931, H.R. 2928, and H.R. 3119 may weaken the core tenets of the U.S. Government's framework for protecting critical infrastructure.

That framework is currently laid out in Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21) and has been reinforced in numerous Federal policies and statutes enacted since 9/11. It has been embraced by Republican and Democratic administrations alike and by Congress. Earlier this year, Congress strongly reaffirmed its commitment to the PPD-21 framework in the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act.

PPD-21 designates the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as the lead Federal agency responsible for coordinating Federal efforts to secure critical infrastructure across all 16 sectors—while working hand-in-hand with Sector Risk Management Agencies (SRMAs).

I support enhancing the Department of Energy (DOE)'s capacity, as the SRMA for the energy sector, to engage with the sector as a liaison, trusted partner, and valuable source of sector-specific expertise.

That said, it is important that legislation authorizing such activity acknowledge the role that DHS, through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), plays as the Nation's risk advisor and Federal civilian interface for private sector engagement and collaboration.

Congress has often reiterated that it expects CISA to use its authorities and cross-sector convening power to maintain a bird's eye view of threats across sectors—taking threat intelligence from one sector and integrating it into a broader threat context to help other owners and operators protect themselves.

But CISA can only do this if its SRMA partners work with it in a collaborative way that complements—rather than duplicates—the tools, services, resources CISA brings in support of these broader efforts.

Herein lies the issue with H.R. 2931, H.R. 2928, and H.R. 3119: the measures, as drafted, would authorize DOE to carry out responsibilities and develop capabilities that overlap with or duplicate those already housed within CISA, and there is no directive for DOE to do so in coordination with DHS.

There are several problems that could arise from this lack of coordination.

First, it runs the risk of creating a siloed, stovepiped approach to managing information

about threats to the energy sector—a critically important, lifeline sector that has been under sustained attack for decades.

Congress has worked to break down these siloes since 9/11, which is why DHS was tasked as a “central hub” for critical infrastructure in the first place.

Second, having multiple Federal agencies carry out overlapping roles and responsibilities creates confusion among private sector stakeholders, who are not sure who to call during a crisis, or who to partner with during steady state.

This duplication also means that the Federal Government is forced to spread an already thin supply of cybersecurity experts and resources even thinner.

Finally, cybersecurity is rarely—if ever—a sector-specific problem.

Critical infrastructure is interconnected, and technologies used in one sector are often deployed throughout others, as are the vulnerabilities embedded in those technologies. Adversaries can use the distributed nature of these vulnerabilities to exploit owners and operators across industry lines, at scale.

Take, for instance, the recent SolarWinds campaign. Russian intelligence agencies were able to corrupt a software update deployed across the public and private sectors, then use it as a foothold to infiltrate an equally ubiquitous set of Microsoft tools and products to seize an untold amount of sensitive information.

Hostile foreign nations like China and Russia do not organize cyber operations one sector at a time. They wage simultaneous, parallel campaigns designed to yield the highest possible reward at the lowest possible cost.

It is not uncommon for attacks on the energy sector to coincide with, or foreshadow, similar attacks on other sectors. In 2018, DHS and the FBI warned about a “multi-stage intrusion campaign” by Russia that targeted “U.S. government entities, as well as organizations in the energy, nuclear, commercial facilities, water, aviation, and critical manufacturing sectors.”

While cyberattacks against the energy sector have accelerated, the sector does not exist in a vacuum.

Though I am concerned about the possibility that these challenges may arise, it is not a foregone conclusion that they will. If DOE collaborates with CISA to forge a more productive and effective partnership, I believe many of these challenges can be overcome.

Last year, I came to the floor to ask the chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee to confirm his intent that the activities authorized by this legislation be carried out in coordination with DHS. He responded it was “absolutely” his intent that these bills be carried out with DHS “first and foremost.”

I also asked for clarification that these bills do not detract from, erode, or infringe upon any existing authorities or policies laid out in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Act of 2018, PPD-41, Executive Order 13636, or Executive Order 13691. He responded that “nothing in these bills is intended to infringe, curtail, or otherwise affect authorities of [DHS] . . . in any way, shape, or form.”

I would like to reiterate these commitments from one year ago, and I look forward to working with the Committee on Energy and Commerce to conduct vigorous oversight to ensure

that DOE is coordinating with DHS in a manner that reflects congressional intent.

**CONGRATULATING REGINALD “REG” POHLMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT**

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reginald “Reg” Pohlman on his retirement as a Police Officer from the Carrollton Police Department.

Reg joined the Carrollton Police Department on January 7, 1991 and dedicated over 30 years in service to the Carrollton community first as a police officer, before being promoted to Assistant Chief. Reg received both the distinguished Medal of Honor and Officer of the Year award during his time at the police department. Reg spent much of his time announcing, coaching and serving as an outstanding community advocate. He enjoys coaching and said it “keeps him young.” He served as an assistant coach to his brother, Greg Pohlman, for high school sports, including baseball. Reg has always been generous with his time and when the community needed something, he was always willing to help. I want to thank Reg for his dedication to his community and as a former athlete, I appreciate his kindness and generosity.

It is because of leaders such as Reginald “Reg” Pohlman that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Reg Pohlman on his retirement.

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DOUGLAS LUKE REED**

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Luke Reed who passed away on August 4, 2021. He was born in Starkville November 5, 2007 to Gina Dedeaux Reed and Tommy Reed. This year he would have begun the 8th grade at Oak Hill Academy.

Luke was known for his compassion and heart for service. He gave often to those in need and understood, even at his age, the importance of giving. He loved motor cross and mechanics. His grandfather taught him about airplanes and he enjoyed flying.

Left to cherish his memory are Luke's parents Tommy and Gina; brother Thomas Lane; grandmother Glenda; and grandparents Joe and Mitzi.

Luke was an incredible young man who had an incredible impact on his community. I join his family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

REMEMBERING MARSHA MILLER  
BURDMAN

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marsha Miller Burdman, of Vienna, Ohio, who passed away peacefully on Monday, August 9, 2021 at the age of 83.

Marsha was born September 7, 1937, to Sally and Frank Miller in Toronto, Ohio. She grew up in Pittsburgh and, although she was an only child, she was blessed by the presence of 32 loving aunts and uncles and numerous cousins.

Marsha graduated from Taylor Allderdice High School in Squirrel Hill in 1955 and the University of Pittsburgh in 1959, where she received her degree in education. She became a first-grade teacher at Forrest Hills Elementary School in Pittsburgh upon her graduation from Pitt.

In 1960, after being fixed up on a blind date through a mutual friend, she met the love of her life, Kenneth Burdman of Youngstown. Following a short courtship, they were married November 13 of the same year.

Marsha continued teaching first-graders in the Youngstown area in both the Hubbard and Austintown school districts for several years until she and Ken started their family in 1963. They raised four children and remained happily married for 34 years until Kenny's passing in 1995.

A voracious reader, Marsha also enjoyed traveling the world with her closest friends, cousins and other family members, as well as playing canasta, knitting and needlepointing; however, her most treasured moments were the countless memories from the regular family visits and vacations with her four loving children, their spouses and 12 grandchildren who affectionately called her Mimi.

A true woman of valor, Marsha had a tremendous character and a calming presence, and was loved and admired by all who knew her. Her close circle of friends was endless and she was also an aunt and Mimi to many children and grandchildren of good friends who were like family.

Marsha is survived by her son, Lee (Bonnie) of Canfield; daughters, Heidi (Robert) Bardach of Cincinnati, Stacey (Richard) Eastern of Seattle, Wash., and Janie Cowell of San Diego; and her 12 grandchildren, Corey, Taylor and Lexi Burdman, Ryan, Alyssa (fiance Max Fader) and Kelsey Bardach, Joshua, Emily and Zachary Eastern, and Samantha, Dillon and Brandon Cowell.

I am so very lucky to have developed profound relationships with Marsha's son, Lee, and daughter-in-law, Bonnie. Both were instrumental leaders on so many important issues facing my Congressional District and the Jewish community of the Mahoning Valley. My deepest condolences go out to Marsha's family and to all whose lives she so deeply touched.

HONORING BRIGHAM HOEGH AND  
ERIN LAIN AS IOWANS OF THE  
WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Brigham Hoegh and Erin Lain, founders of Corn 4 a Cause, as our Iowans of the Week.

If you are from Iowa, have heard about Iowa, or have traveled through Iowa, you know that corn is not just part of our beautiful scenery, it's also part of our heritage and culture. This cherished crop symbolizes and fosters work, livelihoods, and communities across our great state. Even though Iowa has a rich agricultural industry producing bountiful crops like corn, many families here still struggle with access to fresh produce to put on their dinner tables. That's why Brigham and Erin have come in to help.

Brigham Hoegh and Erin Lain founded Corn 4 a Cause roughly four years ago after Brigham had a surplus of sweetcorn. She teamed up with Erin to start their nonprofit organization that aims to address the issue of fresh produce access in communities around Iowa.

Brigham's family farm is in Cass County, Iowa, just north of Atlantic. Each year since Brigham and Erin started Corn 4 a Cause, they have planted, grown, and harvested sweetcorn to sell and donate across western Iowa. What's amazing about their work is that for every dozen ears of corn purchased, another dozen ears are donated to different food pantries and other nonprofits aiming to provide fresh produce to those without consistent access to it. This arrangement allows for those who are purchasing the corn to gain valuable, eye-opening insight into food insecurity in their own communities. Not only do people get a sense of how prevalent the issue is, but they're also able to help immediately by purchasing a dozen ears of corn that will be matched by Corn 4 a Cause's donation to local families.

One acre of sweetcorn yields roughly 15,000 ears of corn. Brigham and Erin have planted two acres of sweetcorn this year, which provides roughly 30,000 ears of corn to be sold and donated.

Corn 4 a Cause started out serving communities and pantries primarily in western Iowa. However, Brigham and Erin quickly found more demand for their yields in other areas of the state and were harvesting so much sweetcorn that they needed to start getting more pantries and nonprofits involved. With more corn to go around, they have started expanding their donations to central Iowa.

Brigham and Erin focused on delivering fresh produce to those who need it. They are passionate about making fresh, Iowa-grown food accessible to more families in a socially conscious way. They state their values as: "Full bellies. Summer fun. Local food. Equity first." Corn 4 a Cause partners with organizations that serve communities of color to cultivate a more equitable food system, and a

more equitable society. Brigham and Erin also encourage anyone who loves to plant their own produce to plant some extra so it can be donated to food pantries and other nonprofits fighting to eliminate food insecurity in Iowa and America.

Reliable and equitable access to food, let alone fresh, healthy produce, is a major issue across our country and in our own backyard. Organizations like Corn 4 a Cause and individuals like Brigham and Erin are tackling these problems head-on at the ground level to make a difference for their neighbors. Because of their dedication and hard work, it is my honor to name Brigham Hoegh and Erin Lain of Corn 4 a Cause as our Iowans of the Week.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR DR.  
MAXWELL SCARLETT**

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the legacy of Dr. Maxwell Scarlett—the first Black graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and a Fort Worth physician who specialized in emergency medicine.

Dr. Scarlett grew up in Fort Worth's historic Stop Six neighborhood surrounded by a family of educators. His mother was a teacher, as were both of her grandparents. So, while growing up, Dr. Scarlett always knew that he would attend college. But what he didn't know was that his graduation would break racial barriers.

He initially enrolled at the University of North Texas (known then as North Texas State), and almost instantly began to break barriers. He was one of the first three African American men to live in a dorm there. Then, he integrated the school's biology honor society and later became the first Black student to grade papers and teach in the school's Science Department.

Dr. Scarlett transferred to UTA his senior year—three years after the school first integrated. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1966. Looking around at his graduation ceremony, he wondered if he was the only Black graduate that year. In fact, he was the first Black graduate in UTA's entire history, a fact he did not learn until 1997—about 30 years after his graduation.

After graduating, Dr. Scarlett enrolled in medical school at Howard University. He later returned to Fort Worth to start his medical practice because he noticed there was a need for doctors back home. He even continued seeing emergency medicine patients after retiring from his Fort Worth practice in 2014.

Dr. Scarlett never set out to break barriers, but through his hard work and dedication, he did just that. He helped open doors for so many young African Americans, and many others who faced exclusion. Today, we honor his legacy, and may we continue to follow his lead in creating a more equal America.